

Chief's Ruse

By HOWARD FIELDING.

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WHEN I was chief of police of the city of Bradford I had a somewhat remarkable case that began with a very peculiar accident. A lawyer named Eugene Polard called me by telephone one morning about 11 o'clock and told me rather excitedly that he had just been in communication with Frederick Clinton and that in the midst of the conversation he had heard a sound as of a blow and another as of a heavy fall. Polard got further and further excited as he told me the story, and he appealed to "central," who had tried vainly to help him and had said that the receiver of Mr. Clinton's telephone was off the hook so that the bell would not ring.

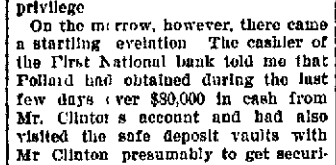


RECEIVED THE CHIEF LAY THE BODY OF FREDERICK CLINTON.

I told Mr. Polard that I would meet him in five minutes at the station residence. My light wagon was at the door of the station house, and I immediately jumped aboard, accompanied by a special officer named Devin. As we came alongside the Clinton house, which is on the corner of our best residence street and is surrounded by lawns and gardens which take up the full depth of the block, I saw a moving figure amid the shrubbery. I sent Devin to investigate.

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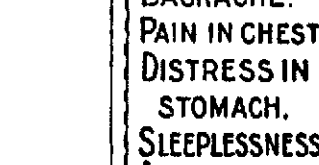
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